

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Anurag S. RATHORE, et al., :

APPLICATION NO.: 10/646,798 : Examiner: S.R. Gudibande

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TITLE: Method for the Preparation of Growth Hormone : Confirmation No. 3621
and Antagonist Thereof Having Lower Levels of
Isoform Impurities Thereof

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on September 17, 2008, and having an original period for response of three (3) months, which expired on December 17, 2008, be extended by three (3) months, such that it includes and expires on March 17, 2009. For the sake of completeness, and to assist the Examiner, Applicant provides that this application is being extended such that it expires on March 17, 2009 to preserve copendency with the continuation application being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), on even date herewith.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$1110.00 as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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